

House Resolution 1025 (FLOOR SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Harbin of the 118th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the inclusion of statements
2 of legislative intent in the general appropriations Act and so as to provide that certain
3 appropriations must be expended as specifically authorized by the general appropriations
4 Act; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for
5 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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8 Article III of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (e) of Paragraph XIII of
9 Section V as follows:

10 "(e) The Governor may approve any appropriation together with any corresponding
11 statement of legislative intent or ~~and~~ veto any other appropriation together with any
12 corresponding statement of legislative intent in the same bill, and any appropriation
13 together with any corresponding statement of legislative intent vetoed shall not become law
14 unless such veto is overridden in the manner herein provided."

SECTION 2.

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16 Said article is further amended by revising Paragraph III of Section IX as follows:

17 "Paragraph III. **General appropriations bill.** (a) The general appropriations bill shall
18 embrace nothing except appropriations fixed by previous laws; the ordinary expenses of
19 the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of the government; payment of the
20 public debt and interest thereon; ~~and for~~ the support of the public institutions and
21 educational interests of the state; ~~and statements of legislative intent with respect to the~~
22 purpose and manner of expenditure of appropriated funds. Where a statement of legislative
23 intent declares that an appropriation is mandatory, that appropriation must be allotted,
24 approved, and expended for the purpose stated and in the manner stated. The allotment,
25 approval, and expenditure of other appropriations may be controlled as provided for by
26 law.

(b) All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one subject."

SECTION 3.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to grant flexibility in the expenditures of public funds by allowing the General Assembly to direct the expenditure of public funds for specific purposes?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
become a part of the Constitution of this state.